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SUBJ: CYPRUS: ROLE OF NAC AND SYG LUNS

FOR SISCO FROM RUMSFELD

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS SECDEF

1. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO UNITED STATES' INTERESTS
IN THIS AND FUTURE PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY HIGH
ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS ASSESSING THE CYPRUS SITUATION COULD
FAVORABLY MENTION THE PERFORMANCE TO DATE OF THE SYG AND THE
NAC. IN MY JUDGMENT, LUNS HAS HANDLED BOTH HIS CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL AND HIS PERSONAL ROLE IN THE
CYPRUS CRISIS, WITH FORCEFULNESS AND INTELLIGENCE. HIS
SENSITIVITY IN STEERING THE NAC HAS THUS FAR BEEN HELPFUL TO
US GOAL OF ACHIEVING A CEASE-FIRE AND GETTING A PROCESS OF
NEGOTIATIONS GOING FORWARD. IF THE US FINDS IT USEFUL AGAIN
TO CALL ON THE SYG AND THE NAC AS IT HAS DONE IN THE CYPRUS
CRISIS, I THINK THE RESPONSE WOULD BE ALL THE MORE PROMPT AND HELP-
FUL IF THE US WERE ON RECORD AS BEING APPRECIATIVE OF WHAT WAS
ACHIEVED IN THIS CRISIS.

2. FURTHER, A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE AT SOME POINT ON
THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE A THOUGHTFUL GESTURE. RUMSFELD

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